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1. [REDACTED] Received a call from Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, advising me that the House committee had picked up the erroneous entry of subsection (c)(4) listed among those sections in our exemption in (j)(1) in S. 3418 as it passed the Senate. This will be dropped when the House passes the bill later this afternoon. I later received a call from Steve Daniels, House Government Operations Committee staff, and he also alerted me to the change. I expressed our sincere appreciation to Kronfeld and Daniels for their efforts and the efforts of the other members of their staffs in behalf of the Agency's interests.

I had earlier in the day alerted Frank Reeder, OMB, to the erroneous entry. He requested that we start preparing our views on the enrolled bill so they will be ready upon its receipt. Since it is hoped the President will sign this bill this Friday, if time does not permit the exchange of correspondence OMB will seek oral views and written comments will be submitted later.

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2. [REDACTED] Called David Batt in the office of Representative Joe D. Waggoner, Jr. (D., La.), and asked if we could be furnished those portions of [REDACTED]'s letter to Mr. Waggoner which relate to her concerns as to the inadequacy of the Agency's settlement of her claim for damaged household goods prior to her retirement. I made clear that this was necessary for the Agency's review of her case. Batt said that though the letter was somewhat personal as he mentioned to me last week, he saw no objection to providing us a copy. The letter was picked up later in the day by [REDACTED] and will be furnished to [REDACTED] Claims Review Board.

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3. [REDACTED] Talked to Bob Waltheus, in the office of Max Fridersdorf, White House staff, who said that the President was expecting to sign the Foreign Assistance Act amendments tomorrow morning.

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4. [] Called Jim Oliver, OMB, to advise him that the Director was writing a letter to the President on the intelligence activities provision in the Foreign Assistance Act at the request of members of the NSC staff. I told Oliver that the original of the letter was going to the White House but we wanted OMB to know of this development. It was agreed that Oliver would pick up a copy of the letter for OMB.

Later, Oliver called me to inquire as to the importance of the President issuing this statement on the intelligence activities provision at the time of signing. I told him we felt it was extremely important in view of the lack of explicit security procedures to overcome House Rule XI, Clause 27(c).

5. [] Guy McConnell, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, called to ask if there were any references to the existing oversight committees in law or rules of the Congress. I told him not to my knowledge except by the very names of the subcommittees themselves, a long line of precedents, and the assertion of jurisdiction on legislation and appropriations.

6. [], NSC staff, called at 5:15 p.m. to confirm receipt of the Director's letter to the President on the intelligence activities provision of the Foreign Assistance Act.

7. [] Received a call from Mrs. Ely, Executive Secretary to Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R., N.Y.), who requested that the briefing on the Soviet Union for Representative Fish be put over until tomorrow, Thursday, 19 December, at 3:30 p.m. [] OCI, has been advised.

8. [] Accompanied [] OCI, and [] OCI, to a meeting with Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), William Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and Charles F. Meissner, also on the Committee staff, on the Middle East. The Senator was most courteous in his remarks about the content of the briefing provided and the support given him and his staff by the Agency. See Memorandum for the Record.

9. [] Received a call from Thelma Shirkey, Assistant to Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who requested some administrative information on the billing from the commercial reporting firm for the transcript of the briefing of Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments of 12 December 1974. The information was provided.

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10. [redacted] Talked to Donald E. Richbourg, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations staff, House Appropriations Committee, who told me the full Committee approved a continuing resolution to provide funding for the Foreign Assistance Act and reported it to the House last night. The continuing resolution will be scheduled for consideration on the floor following consideration of the Foreign Assistance Act.

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11. [redacted] Received a call from the Legislative Reference Division, OMB, who advised they had the Enrolled Bill on [redacted] " ready for pick up by an Agency courier for our comments. Arrangements were made with the Courier Branch for this to be done.

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12. [redacted] Received a call from Frank Martin, in the office of Senator Walter F. Mondale (D., Minn.), who requested

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13. [redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senators Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), and J.W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) [redacted] their names were mentioned.

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14. [redacted] Greg Rushford, in the office of Representative Clarence D. Long (D., Md.), called to say he would have to cancel the meeting which had been set up for tomorrow with the Congressman to brief him on the situation in the Persian Gulf. He said he would be back in touch with us some time around the end of January. [redacted] OCI, has been advised.

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15. [redacted] Talked to Alison Rosenberg, in Senator Charles Percy's (D., Ill.) office about the staff people who might be sitting in on the briefing of the Senator this afternoon. She said that Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant, would not be back in town in time for the briefing but Bill Ashworth and Charles Meissner, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, would be there. Both of these staff members have Top Secret clearances.

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16. [] Called Dorothy Fosdick, Professional Staff Director, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, relayed to her the []

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Fosdick said they were aware of these items but thanked me for giving her a call.

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17. [] Frank Sullivan, Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that Senator Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) and he would be visiting Saigon after all and would be able to see Tom Polgar, Chief of Station, Vietnam, thereby making a trip to Bangkok unnecessary. I told Sullivan that we were working on a cable and that I would crank this into the message to the Saigon Station.

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18. [] Spoke with Joanne Parsons, on the staff of Senator John V. Tunney (D., Calif.) in connection with a letter from a constituent, [] was upset because he could not get the address of [] He had earlier written the very same letter to Senator Alan Cranston, (D., Calif.). I gave her the background on the case and she requested that we mail her a suggested reply for the constituent explaining the function of [] This was done today.

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